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Admiral Stansfield Turner Director, CIA Washington, DC 20505

Dear Stan:

I think I had better beg off from the CIA talk on 17 November. I have a firm commitment to speak at the Library of Congress on October 29th — you and Pat will get an invitation soon — and I may also address the military historians at the Naval Academy on October 25th. This spate of talk comes after years of silence, and will no doubt consume what words I've got, for the moment. Moreover, I may have to go to California in November on the WINDS OF WAR serial project.

Your program is an ongoing one, and I'm sure a slot for me will open up some time in 1980. Sarah and I will be in Palm Springs in December and January, but by March we should be back here.

Yours,

Herman Wouk

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